

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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Subject: CMS Announces New Tools and Resources for Fraud Prevention
Including Fraud Fact Sheets, Proposed Regulations, and a IT
Industry Day

New Fraud Prevention Information

The Affordable Care Act provides new tools to help prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently made available a number of new materials relating to fraud and abuse. CMS posted two new Facts Sheets on the fraud-fighting tools in the Affordable Care Act. Using the new fraud prevention tools and resources provided in the Affordable Care Act, CMS will be better able to identify and prevent fraud, keeping unscrupulous actors out of the programs on the front end.

Fact Sheets on the new fraud fighting tools:

http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/new_tools_to_fight_fraud.html

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CMS is also running print ads in Parade Magazine and other publications informing Medicare beneficiaries of ways to protect their identity and personal information from fraud. These ads, and additional resources and materials on protecting against fraud, can be found at:

<http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov/>

Technology and Anti-Fraud Activities – Vendor Day

CMS is also working to incorporate new cutting-edge technology in the fight against fraud, including the use of predictive analytics and other IT solutions. As part of this process CMS is holding an open vendor day on Friday, October 15, 2010 in Baltimore, MD where technology vendors can learn about CMS' strategic goals, priorities and objectives in the use of IT solutions for fraud prevention in our programs. Hosted by the CMS Center for Program Integrity (CPI), this "CPI Industry Day" invites all interested vendors to attend, learn about CPI goals and vision in fighting fraud, and determine whether the services, methods and products available by their firms are applicable to this effort. Interested parties can find more information at the following link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5c693425e838586c945c18735536a5c1&tab=core&_cview=0

CMS Proposed Rule Implementing ACA Anti-fraud Provisions

Finally, CMS recently released a proposed regulation that implemented the Affordable Care Act's new requirements for provider screening, the assessment of application fees, payment suspensions, and the issuance of a temporary enrollment moratorium when necessary to combat or prevent fraud, waste, or abuse (see link below). The comment period on the rule closes on November 16, 2010.

<http://frwebgate2.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/PDFgate.cgi?WAISdocID=ISYGR5/3/2/0&WAISaction=retrieve>

If you have any questions about CMS' new fraud prevention tools or resources, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.